

The Bird Song (Leather-winged Bat)

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Hi said the little brown leather-winged bat
I'll tell you the reason that
The reason that I fly by night
It's because I've lost my heart's delight.

Chorus

Hi dum diddle um diddle um day
Ho dum diddle um diddle um day
Hey dum diddle um diddle um day
Lo lo lee da diddle um day

Ch.

Hi said the woodpecker sitting on a fence
I once courted a handsome wench
But she grew fickle and from me fled
Ever since then my head's been red.

Ch.

Hi said the raven on the wing
I once courted a pretty thing
She grew fickle and turned her back
Ever since then I've dressed in black.

Ch.

Hi, said the robin as he flew
I don't court one, I court two.
If one won't have me the other one will
And so of love I get my fill.

Ch.

Hi said the owl with big bright eyes
Boys, in love don't be unwise.
If you would have your heart's delight
Then sleep all day and court all night.

Ch.

Oh, no, no! Said the turtledove
That's no way to win her love
If you would have your heart's delight
Keep her awake both day and night!

Ch. (Repeat)